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POLAND'S 1955 FREIGHT TRAFFIC
TO BE DOUBLE THAT OF 1949

MINISTER MAKES STATEMENT -- Slowo Polskie, No 39, 30 Nov 49

The Minister of Transportation, Engr Jan Rabanowski, declared in an inter-
 view that Poland's freight traffic in 1955 will be twice that for 1949. Passen-
 ger transportation will be improved and the railroad network modernized.

The investment program will include all enterprises controlled by the
 Ministry of Transportation with PKP receiving the greatest share of appropria-
 tions. Among other things, 370 kilometers of new single-track lines and about
 730 kilometers of double-track lines will be laid, and 645 kilometers of new
 double-track lines will be laid where only single-track lines exist. Moreover,
 about 1,500 kilometers of railroad lines, which have been out of service or re-
 moved, will be activated.

The Upper Wisla River will be regulated. Retaining reservoirs like those
 in Roznow and Czchow will be built. The Odra River will be regulated along
 modern lines to improve its navigability. The number of vessels for inland
 navigation will be increased by 70 percent.

Considerable road construction is planned: 43,000 linear meters of new
 bridges and 372 kilometers of new vehicular roads. About 4,970 kilometers of
 old roads will be repaired and modernized.

Moving equipment on interurban transportation lines will be increased by
 119 percent.

The Warsaw railroad junction will be completely electrified within a radius
 of 20-40 kilometers. The Warsaw-Katowice route with its Lodz branch will be
 electrified. The Pruszcz-Wejherowo route of the Gdynia-Gdansk junction will also
 be electrified.

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Under the Six-Year Plan, social facilities for transportation workers will be greatly expanded, with an investment of nearly 4,500 million zlotys.

RIVER NAVIGATION GETS NEW SHIPS -- Slowo Katolickie, No 48, 26 Nov 49

The shipyards of the State Navigation Administration on the Wisla in Plock completed and put into service three river vessels: one steamship, one tugboat, and one dredger. The steamship, which can accommodate 180 passengers on long trips and 600 on short trips, was built from the former passenger ship Francja, sunk during the war.

GDANSK GETS NORWEGIAN TANKER -- Wiadomosci Polskie, No 49, 11 Dec 49

The MS Troud, a tanker purchased in Norway, arrived in Gdansk carrying 380 tons of cod-liver oil. The tanker will be rechristened the Wodnik.

1,000TH SHIP ARRIVES IN KOLOBRZEG -- Wiadomosci Polskie, No 49, 11 Dec 49

The 1,000th ship arrived in Kolobrzeg since postwar operations started in that port.

Kolobrzeg suffered greater damage than any other port on the western seacoast. The arrival of the 1,000th vessel in this port indicates a great expansion in the small seacoast ports as well as in the large ones.

SZCZECIN BUILDING NEW HIGHWAY -- Slowo Polskie, No 35, 2 Oct 49

Szczecin is building a new highway along the Odra. The chief purpose of this highway is to establish, within the framework of the Six-Year Plan, direct communication between the main railroad station and the Szczecin metallurgical plant. The road is being built by the Service for Poland Organization and is to be called the Service for Poland Artery.

This highway will run through the damaged industrial and port areas and will connect the old city, beginning at the main railroad station, with the industrial section in the north: the metallurgical plant, cement works, superphosphate plant, paper mills, etc. It will be from 12 to 20 kilometers long and 43 meters wide. The sidewalk at the water's edge will be 9 meters wide and separated from the roadway by a bicycle path. The roadway will consist of two lanes separated by an island, with a bicycle path and a 7-meter lane for streetcars on the far side. The streetcar line will be converted into an electric line similar to the Warsaw Suburban Line.

The old city of Szczecin was totally destroyed in two air raids during the war. The rubble is being removed and used to fill in open basements and to grade the new highway.

WARSAW STREETS IMPROVED -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 273, 16 Nov 49

On 15 November 1949, Warsaw's Krucza Street, which runs from Mokotowska Street to Sikorskiego Avenue, was opened to traffic. A saving of approximately 40 million zlotys was made by using old granite blocks and curbstones, and crushed brick instead of gravel as a foundation for the concrete.

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In 1950, the MPRD (Municipal Highway Department) will carry out many other projects in Warsaw. A credit of almost a billion zlotys was earmarked for such work. Approximately 500 million zlotys are earmarked for work covered by the state investment plan. Municipal credit amounts to 227 million zlotys. With the balance of the credit, the MPRD will complete various jobs for MZK (Municipal Transportation Administration), an electric power plant, and a gasworks. In 1950, major highway surface repairs will be made on Warsaw's streets. For this purpose, 227 million zlotys have been assigned.

Targowa Street in Praga will be entirely resurfaced; granite blocks will be used to replace cobblestones. It is estimated that this job will cost 82,500,000 zlotys.

Jana Kazimierza Street in Wola -- the sector from Dworska to Sowinskiego Streets, a distance of 1,450 meters -- will be cobblestoned at a cost of 36 million zlotys. Dolna Street in Mokotow will be surfaced with granite blocks.

It will cost 42 million zlotys to build streets leading to ZOR workers' housing project. Streets in the city's outskirts will be resurfaced at a cost of 47 million zlotys.

Automobile parking accommodations will be built on Grzybowski Place, Niepodleglosci Avenue, Leszno Street near Sady, and Matejki Street at a cost of 26 million zlotys.

Balance of credits will be used to resurface the extension of Slowackiego Mickiewicza Street in Zoliborz and the roads in Curie-Sklodowska Park.

NEW AIRPORT IN WROCLAW -- Slowo Polskie, No 38, 23 Oct 49

At a formal opening, the newly rebuilt airport in Wroclaw was turned over to LOT (Polish Airline). Completely devastated during the war, the hangar, administration building, housing units, warehouses, garages, and airport terminal are now completely rebuilt.

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